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Stealth Secrets Sold to Poles, CIA Confirms

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WASHINGTON—A Central Intelligence Agency report to Congress confirms that "over 20 highly classified reports on advanced future U.S. weapon systems," including "the quiet radar system for the B-1 and Stealth bombers," were sold to the Communist bloc by former Hughes Aircraft engineer William H. Bell.

The information jeopardizes existing and advanced weapons of the United States and its allies, the CIA said. It will help Poland and the Soviet Union save "hundreds of millions of dollars in research and development efforts" on comparable weapons for themselves as well as defensive countermeasures to the U.S. systems, it said. The report did not say how much detailed information had been passed to the Communists.

Bell, then 61 years old, was sentenced last year to eight years in jail and fined \$10,000 after pleading guilty in a public trial in Los Angeles. He had been paid \$110,000 over a three-year period for the information.

Bell's main contact was a Polish intelligence agent, Marion Zacharski, who was sentenced to life imprisonment for espionage. Zacharski had posed as a Polish businessman initially in dealing with Bell, who had financial troubles.

The CIA report, which is a declassified version of testimony by Deputy CIA Director Bobby R. Inman to a House science and technology subcommittee last month, appears to be the first official confirmation of the kind of information Bell passed on.

Bell told the TV program "60 Minutes" about documents on the Stealth and B-1 radar, as well as

other weapon systems, in a detailed interview six weeks ago. The Pentagon refused to comment on his disclosures at that time.

The classified reports Bell filmed and delivered to the Poles, "and probably eventually to the Soviet intelligence service," the CIA report said, included also:

- The "lock-down, shoot-down" radar system for the Air Force F-15 fighter.

- An all-weather radar system for tanks.

- An experimental radar system for the U.S. Navy.

- The Phoenix air-to-air missile designed for the Navy's F-14 fighter to use primarily against the Soviet Backfire bomber.

- A shipborne surveillance radar.

- The Patriot (anti-aircraft) surface-to-air missile.

- A "towed-array" sonar system that is a vast network of equipment pulled behind surface ships to detect submarines.

- A new air-to-air missile.

- The improved Hawk (anti-aircraft) surface-to-air missile.

- A NATO air-defense system.

Overthrow of Shah

Some of the secrets may have previously fallen into Soviet hands when the Shah of Iran was overthrown. U.S. F-14 fighters and improved Hawk missiles had been sold to Iran earlier, for example.

The nature of the "quiet radar" for the B-1 and Stealth bombers was not immediately clear. A Pentagon spokesman said it was "as-

sumed the radar emits pulses at low power or pulses that are not easily detected" by hostile antennas.

Neither was it clear whether the radar was that of the B-1 or the B-1B. One official said that the radar for the older B-1 was much less sophisticated than for the B-1B, which is scheduled to go into production. However, the radar to be carried by the B-1B and the Stealth (which promises to be nearly invisible to enemy radar) would presumably be similar and very advanced systems, he said.

Bell's information was recounted in two paragraphs of the 15-page CIA report, which was titled "Soviet Acquisition of Western Technology." It was published in response to congressional requests for a declassified version of Inman's testimony, a CIA spokesman said.